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1. ON FEBRUARY 4, THE SCIENCE COUNSELOR DISCUSSED WITH POLISH CO-CHAIRMAN PAWLISZEWSKI THE DATES AND AGENDA FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING. THE FOLLOWING ARE HIS COMMENTS:

A. DATES OF MEETING: ACCORDING TO PAWLISZEWSKI, SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE POLISH DELEGATION WILL BE TRAVELING ABROAD IN LATE FEBRUARY AND FIRST FEW DAYS IN MARCH. IT WILL BE PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ALL OF THE POLISH DELEGATION TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON BEFORE MARCH 4. PAWLISZEWSKI SUGGESTS THAT, IF THE MEETING CANNOT TAKE PLACE MARCH 4 THROUGH 6, ANY THREE DAYS BEGINNING THE WEEK OF MARCH 8 WILL BE SATISFACTORY TO THE POLES. A SECOND, LESS DESIRABLE OPTION WOULD BE TO HOLD THE MEETING ON MARCH 4, 5, AND 8 WITH A BREAK FOR THE WEEKEND.

B. AGENDA ITEMS: PAWLISZEWSKI SAID HE UNDERSTANDS

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THAT THE US SIDE DESIRES TO COMPLETE ITS CONTRIBUTIONS

TO THE JOINT FUND IN 1976; HOWEVER, HE BELIEVES THAT THE JOINT BOARD SHOULD ALSO REVIEW FUND ACTIVITIES GOING BEYOND 1976 AT THE NEXT MEETING. IN RESPONSE TO THE SUGGESTIONS FOR THE WORDING OF THIS AGENDA ITEM IN PARA 1 OF STATE 014739, PAWLISZEWSKI SUGGESTS "BROAD AREAS OF RESEARCH, PRIORITIES, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE JOINT FUND BY BOTH SIDES FOR THE DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT."

PAWLISZEWSKI SAID IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION FROM HIS GOVERNMENT TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION AND PER DIEM FOR AMERICANS UNDER POLISH-FUNDED PROJECTS (AGENDA ITEM 5 IN THE US PROVISIONAL AGENDA TRANSMITTED STATE 296585). HE FORCEFULLY REPEATED THE VIEW THAT THE AGREEMENT MAKES NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN POLISH-FUNDED AND US-FUNDED PROJECTS AND THAT THE STOESEL-KRZAK AGREEMENT SHOULD REMAIN IN FORCE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1978. HE SAID THAT ANY OTHER INTERPRETATION OF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS WOULD REQUIRE A RENEGOTIATION OF THE AGREEMENT. PAWLISZEWSKI CAREFULLY AVOIDED GOING AS FAR AS SAYING THAT THE POLES WOULD REQUEST POSTPONEMENT OF THE NEXT JOINT BOARD MEETING IF THE US INSISTED ON RETAINING THIS AGENDA ITEM. HOWEVER, HE STRONGLY UNDERLINED THAT THIS ISSUE WAS OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE.

2. PAWLISZEWSKI TOOK NOTE OF THE US PROPOSAL IN PARA 1A STATE 010600 FOR PAYING PER DIEM TO AMERICANS UNDER JOINT-FUND-FINANCED PROJECTS. HE SAID THE POLISH SIDE WAS ALSO WORKING ON THIS ITEM AND WILL HAVE A SUGGESTION TO OFFER AT THE NEXT JOINT BOARD MEETING.
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